(ii) Other hotels may be de-merged into separate corporate identities and the disinvestment in the new companies will be through sale of 100% Government shareholdings in them.

(iii) ITDC may continue to operate the business of duty free shops and travel and tours business subject to the viability of the operations.

(c) The action to appoint the Global Adviser is in process.

Broadcasting programmes in Punjabi and Urdu

*412. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether is the proportion of broadcasts in Punjabi *vis-a-vis* Urdu directed to Pakistan by the External Services Division of All India Radio considering that there is a marked revival of interest in Punjabi language in West Punjab; and

(b) what is the proportion of cultural content in the quantum of programmes in Punjabi directed to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) The proportion of broadcast in Punjabi *vis-a-vis* Urdu directed to West Punjab (Pakistan) by External Services Division of All India Radio is 1 : 6. External Services Division broadcasts two hours of Punjabi programmes daily whereas the duration of its Urdu programme is 12 hours 15 minutes.

(b) The proportion of cultural contents in programmes in punjabi directed to West Punjab (Pakistan) is half of total broadcast per day.

Affairs of Central Disinvestment Commission

*413. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA :

SHRI C. M. IMRAHIM : Will the Minister of

DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reports submitted by the Central Disinvestment Commission so far, and how many of them have been in the cold storage with little action taken on the recommendations, indicating the action so far taken on each report;

(b) how long it will take to complete the process of taking action on the remaining recommendations, and

(c) whether the Central Disinvestment Commission has gone to the extent of resignation or eventual retirement of its members and Chairman ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) In its 12 reports submitted so far, the Disinvestment Commission has given its recommendations in respect of 58 PSUs. Action on all of these recommendations has been initiated. Action on the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission is taken as per a prescribed procedure involving Consultations with the concerned Departments/ Ministries at various levels. After considering the Commission's recommendations, Government held equity in GAIL CONCOR, MTNL and Modern Food Industries Ltd. has been partially disinvesled

(b) Disinvestment is a continuing process. Since disinvestment is done keeping in view the market conditions and after detailed examination of the recommendations in consultation with concerned departments; no time frame for disinvestment in other PSUs recommended by the Commission can be indicated.

(c) The terms of the Chairman and members of the Disinvestment Commission have expired.

Setting up of Disinvestment Panel

*414. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government do not want to set up another disinvestment panel; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Items Shifted to OGL

*415. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: